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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN REGULATIONS ON EXPORT OF FILM

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1. ALGERIANS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS EXPORTATION OF EXPOSED FILM. FOR THIS REASON, IT DOES NOT MATTER TOO MUCH EXACTLY WHAT THE REGULATIONS SAY; THE FACT IS THEY WILL BE VERY STICKY ABOUT IT IF THEY SO CHOSE.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL DRAVO REP REGARDING THIS MATTER. HE SAYS ONCIC ORIGINALLY AGREED TO HANDLE THE MATTER FOR DRAVO, THEN RECENTLY REVERSED THEMSELVES. HE ALSO SAID HE WILL CONTINUE HIS CONTACTS WITH ONCIC IN AN EFFORT TO GET THEM TO REVERT TO THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION. HE SAID LINE HE TAKING WITH ONCIC IS FOR THEM (ONCIC) RETAIN FULL CONTROL OVER PICTURE TAKING, I.E. IMPORT FILM, TAKE PICTURES, ARRANGE FOR EXPORTING FILM. THE DRAVO PHOTOGRAPHER, ACCORDING TO LOCAL REP, WOULD NOT RPT NOT ACTUALLY TAKE ANY PICTURES; HIS ONLY FUNCTION WOULD BE AS CONSULTANT TO ONCIC PHOTOGRAPHER. EMBASSY FULLY APPROVES THIS APPROACH AS BEING ONLY ONE WITH LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS.

3. IF THIS APPROACH FAILS, EMBASSY PREPARED INTER-
VENE ON DRAVO'S BEHALF WITH ONCIC OR GOA, BUT FRANKLY
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WE BELIEVE THIS PROBABLY WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE,

SINCE IT WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS IN THE ALGERIANS'
MINDS ABOUT WHY WE'RE SO INTERESTED.PARKER

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